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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Sánchez, M. DATE TYPED 2/28/05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Thirteenth Judicial District Attorney SB 857

ANALYST Medina

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$389.4			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Response Not Received From

Administrative Office of the District Attorneys (AODA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 857 appropriates \$389.4 from the general fund to the Office of the Thirteenth Judicial District Attorney for the purpose of providing for increased levels of attorneys and staff to handle increased workload.

Significant Issues

The Thirteenth Judicial District, which includes Cíbola, Valencia and Sandoval counties, is experiencing significant growth and a corresponding increasing caseload. The appropriation to the Thirteenth Judicial District Attorney contained in HAFB Substitute for HB 2 et al. includes \$59.0 and a 1 FTE expansion for an additional senior trial attorney in Valencia County. HAFB Substitute for HB 2 et al. also includes \$851.6 for salary increases for district attorney staff, including a 5 percent compensation increase for attorneys.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

With additional attorneys the agency will likely achieve better performance on the agency's efficiency measure, "average attorney caseload", which in fiscal year 2004 reached 285 cases.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$389.4 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2006 shall revert to the general fund.

The LFC FY06 appropriation recommendation is balanced between revenues and expenditures and any increase in recurring funding must be offset by reductions in other areas of the recommendation. The Legislature must consider all priorities and funding requirements to find revenue to support this legislation.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

Is the intent of this bill to provide for salary increases for existing staff or to increase staff to handle workload?

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